

TRANSMITTAL LETTER			Case No. 9281-4674
Serial No. 10/687,311	Filing Date October 16, 2003	Examiner To be Assigned.	Group Art Unit
Inventor: Takehito Sugawara			
Title of Invention HANDLING DEVICE AND METHOD OF SECURITY DATA			

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- ☐ Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR § 1.27 has been established by verified statement previously submitted.
- ☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.
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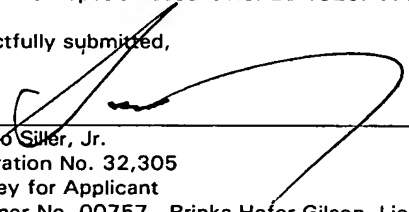
Claims as Filed	Col. 1	Col. 2
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Basic Fee		
Total Claims	-20	
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In re Application of:)
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For: Handling Device And Method Of Security)
Data)

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to the obligation under 37 C.F.R. 1.56 and in conformance with 37 C.F.R. 1.97-1.99, Applicant hereby submits references A1-A9 listed on the attached form PTO-1449 for consideration by the Examiner. Copies of the references are enclosed herewith.

In conformance with 37 C.F.R. 1.97, Applicant states that each item of information contained herein was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of the supplemental information disclosure statement. Also enclosed is a copy of the

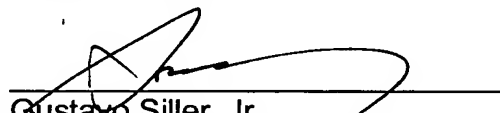
Search Report that issued on March 9, 2004 for the corresponding European Patent Application No. 03 023 557.6 of the above-identified application.

The filing of this Information Disclosure Statement does not constitute an admission that the information cited herein is, or is considered to be, material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. Section 1.56(b). Further, Applicant reserves the right to contest these references as prior art against the present application, and Applicant does not believe that the disclosure of these references, even if finally determined to be prior art, anticipates Applicant's invention or that these references make Applicant's invention obvious.

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Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner review the entire disclosure of these documents and make them of record.

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REFERENCE DESIGNATION			U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS			
EXAMINER INITIAL		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS/ SUBCLASS	FILING DATE
	A1	6,043,752	03/2000	Takayuki Hisada et al.		
	A2	5,392,356	02/1995	Masahiro Konmo et al.		
	A3	6,384,711	05/2002	Barton B. Cregger et al.		
	A4	5,787,367	07/1998	Charles J. Berra		
	A5	5,610,574	03/1997	Eiji Mutoh et al.		

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS							
EXAMINER INITIAL		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS/ SUBCLASS	TRANSLATION YES	NO
	A6	EP 0 903 271	03/1999	Europe		X	
	A7	WO 95/17739	06/1995	PCT		X	
	A8	EP 0 663 650	12/1994	Europe			X
	A9	EP 1 098 472	11/2000	Europe			X

EXAMINER INITIAL	OTHER ART (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, etc.)	

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